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10           **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

11           **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

12           LAURA COATES, an individual

13           Case No.: 2:14-cv-00007-APG-GWF

14           Plaintiff,

15           vs.  
16           LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE  
17           DEPARTMENT; DOES I through X, inclusive,

18           Defendants.

19           **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

20           Plaintiff seeks to obtain, inspect and copy documents and/or things which the Las Vegas  
21           Metropolitan Police Department (“LVMPD”) contends contains private and sensitive information,  
22           confidential information of LVMPD, its officers and employees, its internal investigative and  
23           administrative actions, and other confidential information. Pursuant to an agreement by the  
24           Parties, the Court hereby enters the following Order for Protection (“Protective Order”):

25           **TERMS OF PROTECTIVE ORDER**

26           I.       **DEFINITIONS**

27           The following definitions apply to the Protective Order:

28           1.       Party. Any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,  
29           consultants, experts, and outside counsel. Party, as used in this Protective Order, shall also refer  
30           to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and its officers, agents and employees.

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1           2.     Disclosure or Discovery Material. All items or information, regardless of the  
2 medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony,  
3 transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to  
4 discovery in this matter.

5           3.     “Confidential” Information or Items. Information (regardless of how generated,  
6 stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under the law enforcement  
7 investigative and/or official information privileges, or that contain Criminal History Information,  
8 personal information regarding individuals including Social Security Numbers, dates of birth and  
9 information which a person would have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Confidential  
10 information shall also include information concerning, regarding, or as a result of covert or  
11 undercover law enforcement investigation(s) technique(s), method(s) or source(s), including the  
12 identity of any confidential informant, undercover officer information, or information referring  
13 to any undercover or active criminal investigations. Further, confidential information shall also  
14 include any information protected from disclosure under Donrey v. Bradshaw, 106 Nev. 630  
15 (1990) or an official or executive information privilege. Confidential information shall also  
16 include employee information, employee medical information, and employee disciplinary action,  
17 including any internal investigation concerning employee actions or investigations regarding  
18 discrimination, harassment or retaliation.

19           4.     Receiving Party. A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material or  
20 Confidential Information from a Producing Party.

21           5.     Producing Party. A Party or third-party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
22 Material or Confidential Information in this action.

23           6.     Designating Party. A Party or third-party that designates information or items  
24 that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “Confidential.”

25           7.     Protected Material. Any Disclosure or Discovery Material or Confidential  
26 Information that is designated as “Confidential.”

27           8.     Outside Counsel. Attorneys who are not employees of a Party but who are  
28 retained to represent or advise a Party in this action.

1           9.       House Counsel. Attorneys who are employees of a Party.

2           10.      Counsel (without qualifier). Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as their  
3 support staffs).

4           11.      Expert. A person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent  
5 to the litigation retained by a Party or its Counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant  
6 in this action. This definition includes, but is not limited to, a professional jury or trial consultant  
7 retained in connection with this litigation.

8           12.      Professional Vendor. Person or entity that provides litigation support services  
9 (*e.g.*, photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, organizing,  
10 storing, retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.) and its employees and subcontractors.

11          13.      The use of the singular form of any word includes the plural, and vice versa.

## 12       **II. SCOPE**

13          The protection conferred by this Protective Order covers not only Protected Material, but  
14 also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies excerpts, summaries, or  
15 compilations thereof, testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or counsel to or in  
16 court or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material.

## 17       **III. DURATION**

18          Even after the termination of this action, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
19 Protective Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a  
20 court order otherwise directs.

## 21       **IV. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

22          1.        Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided herein, or as  
23 otherwise ordered, material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly designated  
24 before it is disclosed or produced. Designations in conformity with this Order require:

25           a.       For information in documentary form. That the Producing Party  
26 shall affix the legend “Confidential” on each page that contains Protected Material. If only a  
27 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also  
28 must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (*e.g.*, by making appropriate makings in the

1 margins or redacting protected portions). A Producing Party that makes original documents or  
 2 materials available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting  
 3 Party has indicated which material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and  
 4 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed  
 5 “Confidential.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and  
 6 produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for  
 7 protection under this Order, and, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party  
 8 must affix the appropriate legend on each page that contains Protected Material. If only a  
 9 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also  
 10 must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriated markings in the  
 11 margins or by redacting protected portions).

12                   b. For testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial  
 13 proceedings. That before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, the Party or  
 14 non-party offering or sponsoring the testimony shall identify on the record all protected  
 15 testimony and further specify any portions of the testimony that qualify as “Confidential.” When  
 16 it is impractical to identify separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection, the  
 17 Party or non-party that sponsors, offers, or gives the testimony may invoke on the record (before  
 18 the deposition or proceeding is concluded) a right to have up to thirty (30) days to identify the  
 19 specific portions or the testimony as to which protection is sought. Only those portions of the  
 20 testimony that are appropriately designated for protection under the standards set forth herein  
 21 within the thirty (30) days shall be covered by the provisions of this Protective Order. Upon  
 22 request of a Designating Party, transcript pages containing Protected Material must be separately  
 23 bound by the court reporter, who must affix to the top of each such page the legend  
 24 “Confidential” as instructed by the Party or non-party offering or sponsoring the witness or  
 25 presenting the testimony.

26                   c. For information produced in some form other than documentary,  
 27 and for any other tangible items. That the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the  
 28 exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend

1 "Confidential." If only portions of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing  
2 Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portions.

3       2.     Inadvertent Failure to Designate. Inadvertent failure to identify documents or  
4 things as "Confidential" pursuant to this Protective Order shall not constitute a waiver of any  
5 otherwise valid claim for protection, provided that the provisions of this paragraph are satisfied.  
6 If the Designating Party discovers that information should have been but was not designated  
7 "Confidential" or if the Designating Party receives notice that would enable the Designating  
8 Party to learn that it has disclosed such information, the Designating Party must immediately  
9 notify all other parties. In such event, within thirty (30) days of notifying all other Parties, the  
10 Designating Party must also provide copies of the "Confidential" information designated in  
11 accordance with this Protective Order. After receipt of such re-designated information, the  
12 "Confidential" information shall be treated as required by this Protective Order, and the  
13 Receiving Party shall promptly, but in no event more than fourteen (14) calendar days from the  
14 receipt of the re-designated information, return to the Designating Party all previously produced  
15 copies of the same unlegended documents or things. The Designating Party and the Parties may  
16 agree to alternative means. The Receiving Party shall receive no liability, under this Protective  
17 Order or otherwise, for any disclosure of information contained in unlegended documents or  
18 things occurring before the Receiving Party was placed on notice of the Designating Party's  
19 claims of confidentiality.

20       **V.     CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

21       1.     Meet and Confer. A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating  
22 Party's confidentiality designation must do so in good faith and must begin the process by  
23 conferring with counsel for the Designating Party. The challenging Party must give the  
24 Designating Party an opportunity of not less than ten (10) calendar days to review the designated  
25 material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in the designations is offered, to  
26 explain in writing the basis for the confidentiality designation. It shall be the Designating Party's  
27 burden to demonstrate confidential information is entitled to protection.

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1           2.       Judicial Intervention. A Party that elects to press a challenge to a confidentiality  
 2 designation after considering the justification offered by the Designating Party may file and  
 3 serve a motion that identifies the challenged material and sets forth in detail the basis for the  
 4 challenge. Until the Court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue to afford the material  
 5 in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation.

6       **VI. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

7           1.       Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed  
 8 or produced by another Party or by a third-party in connection with this case solely for the  
 9 limited purposes of prosecuting, defending, attempting to settle, or settling this action. Such  
 10 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions  
 11 described in the Protective Order. Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a  
 12 Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the  
 13 persons authorized under this Protective Order.

14           2.       Disclosure of "Confidential" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by  
 15 the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any  
 16 information or item designated Confidential only to:

17                  a.       The Parties to this action and the Receiving Party's Outside  
 18 Counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably  
 19 necessary to disclose the information for this litigation. Counsel of Record shall be responsible  
 20 for advising all of their staff of the existence of, and their confidentiality obligations under, the  
 21 Protective Order, and shall be responsible for any non-compliance with the Protective Order by  
 22 members of their staff that have not signed an agreement to be bound by the Protective Order;

23                  b.       The officers, directors, and employees of the Receiving Party to  
 24 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed or have agreed  
 25 under oath and on the record to be bound by the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order"  
 26 (Exhibit A);

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4 d. The Court and its personnel;

5 e. Court reporters, their staffs, and Professional Vendors to whom  
6 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

7 f. During their depositions or at trial, witnesses in the action to whom  
8 disclosure is reasonably necessary. Witnesses will not be permitted to retain copies of Protected  
9 Material unless they have signed or agreed under oath and on the record to be bound by the  
10 "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A). Upon request of a Designating  
11 Party, pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected  
12 Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone  
13 except as permitted under this Protective Order; and

14 g. The author of the document or the original source of the  
15 information and recipients or addressees in the normal course of business.

Notwithstanding the preceding of this paragraph VI(2), a Party that has produced its, his or her own Protected Material may disclose such Protected Material to any persons, with or without any conditions placed upon such disclosure, as the Party deems appropriate.

19       3.     Trial and Dispositive Motion Disclosure. For the purpose of trial and/or  
20 dispositive motions, the parties acknowledge that a “strong presumption in favor of access”  
21 exists. A party seeking to seal a judicial record at trial and/or the dispositive motions stage bears  
22 the burden of establishing “compelling reasons” by “articulating compelling reasons supported  
23 by specific factual findings,” that outweigh the public policies favoring disclosure.<sup>1</sup>

24       4. Disclosure of Possession of Confidential Information. All persons described in  
25 paragraph VI above shall not under any circumstances sell, offer for sale, advertise, or publicize either  
26 the Confidential Information or the fact that such persons have obtained Confidential Information.

<sup>1</sup> See Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-79 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006).

1       **VII. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN**  
 2       **OTHER LITIGATION**

3              If a Receiving Party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in other litigation that  
 4        would compel disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “Confidential”  
 5        the Receiving Party must so notify the Designating Party, in writing (by fax or email if possible)  
 6        immediately and in no event more than seven (7) calendar days after receiving the subpoena or  
 7        order. Such notification must include a copy of the subpoena or court order. The Receiving  
 8        Party also must within ten (10) calendar days inform in writing the party who caused the  
 9        subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all the material covered by the  
 10        subpoena or order is the subject of this Protective Order and deliver to such party a copy of this  
 11        Protective Order. The Designating Party shall bear the burdens and the expenses of seeking  
 12        protection in that court of its Confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be  
 13        construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful  
 14        directive from another court. Once notice is given, and five business days have elapsed, the  
 15        receiving party shall have no further liability for disclosure pursuant to a subpoena or its  
 16        equivalent.

17       **VIII. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

18              If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
 19        Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Protective Order, the  
 20        Receiving Party must immediately and within not more than seven (7) calendar days: (a) notify  
 21        in writing (using best efforts to use email or fax) the Designating Party of the unauthorized  
 22        disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the  
 23        person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of the Protective  
 24        Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement  
 25        to Be Bound” (Exhibit A). The Receiving Party shall promptly notify the Designating Party of  
 26        the results of its efforts with regards to (b), (c), and (d) herein. After a good faith meet and  
 27        confer effort to resolve and remaining disputes concerning compliance with this paragraph, and  
 28        Party, Receiving Party or Designating Party may seek relief from this Court for non-compliance

1 with this provision. Said relief may include, but is not limited to, preclusion of the Receiving  
 2 Party's use in this litigation of the Protected Material that was disclosed contrary to this  
 3 Protective Order, or any other sanction deemed appropriate by the Court.

4 **IX. PUBLICLY AVAILABLE OR PREVIOUSLY POSSESSED INFORMATION**

5 The restrictions in the preceding paragraphs regarding disclosure or Protected Material do  
 6 not and shall not apply to information or material that: was, is, or becomes public knowledge in a  
 7 manner other than by violation of the Protective Order, is acquired by the non-designating party  
 8 from a third-party having the right to disclose such information or material; or was lawfully  
 9 possessed by the non-designating party before the date of this Protective Order. The Designating  
 10 Party shall act in good faith to notify the Receiving Party of any change in circumstances that  
 11 renders Confidential Information or Items no longer Confidential within a reasonable time period  
 12 after the change becomes known to the Designating Party.

13 **X. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

14 With respect to non-dispositive motions and pleadings, Protected Material or information  
 15 derived therefrom is included with, or the contents of such a document are disclosed in, any  
 16 documents filed with the Clerk or this Court or any other court, the filing Party shall file said  
 17 document under seal. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties to permit service by some other  
 18 means such as by email or facsimile, copies of any pleading, brief or other document containing  
 19 Protected Material that is served on opposing counsel shall be delivered in a sealed envelope  
 20 stamped:

21 **CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**

22 and shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order. Subject to the  
 23 Court's convenience and needs, all material files in this fashion will be kept under seal by the  
 24 Clerk until further order from the Court.

25 **XI. FINAL DISPOSITION**

26 Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party, within sixty (60)  
 27 calendar days of a written request, after the final termination of this action, each Receiving Party  
 28 must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected

1 Material” includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other form of reproducing or  
2 capturing any of the Protected Material. With permission in writing from the Designating Party, the  
3 Receiving Party may destroy some or all of the Protected Material instead of returning it. Whether  
4 the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification  
5 to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the thirty  
6 (30) calendar day deadline that identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material  
7 that was returned or destroyed and that affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies,  
8 abstracts, compilations, summaries or other forms of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
9 Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all  
10 pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence or attorney work product,  
11 even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute  
12 Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth herein. In the event of an  
13 appeal, “Final Disposition” shall not occur until the conclusion of all appeals.

## 14 **XII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

15       1.     Modification.   The Parties may modify this Protective Order by written  
16 agreement, subject to approval by the Court. The Court may modify this Protective Order.

17       2.     Right to Assert Other Objections. This Protective Order does not affect or waive  
18 any right that any Party otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any  
19 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Protective Order. Similarly, this  
20 Protective Order does not affect or waive any Party’s right to object on any ground to use in  
21 evidence any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

22       3.     Privileges Not Waived. This Protective Order does not affect or waive any  
23 applicable privilege or work product protection, or affect the ability of a Producing Party to seek  
24 relief for an inadvertent disclosure of material protected by privilege or work product protection.

25       4.     Third Party Protections. Any witness or other person, firm, or entity from which  
26 discovery is sought may be informed of and may obtain the protection of this Protective Order by  
27 written notice to the Parties’ respective counsel or by oral notice at the time of any deposition or  
28 similar proceeding.

1       5. Obligations to Third Parties. Nothing herein shall operate to relieve any Party or  
2 non-party from any pre-existing confidentiality obligations currently owed by any Party or non-  
3 party to any other Party or non-party.

4       6. Retention of Completed “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” Forms  
5 (Exhibit A). Completed “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” Forms (Exhibit A)  
6 (“form”) shall be maintained by the Party that obtained the completed form pursuant to this  
7 Protective Order. The Party retaining the completed form shall produce the form to resolve any  
8 good faith challenge by a Party or Designating Party or dispute concerning whether a person who  
9 is obligated under this Protective Order to complete the form did so properly and complied with  
10 the representations in the form and this Protective Order. If the parties are unable to resolve any  
11 such disputes or challenges through a good faith meet and confer process, the challenging Party  
12 or Designating Party may seek appropriate relief from this Court.

13       7. Privilege Log. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department shall prepare and  
14 serve a privilege log of all items not produced to the Parties under this Protective Order,  
15 including any redacted documents.

16       IT IS SO STIPULATED this 8th day of October, 2014.

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24       IT IS SO ORDERED this 9th day of October, 2014.

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27       United States Magistrate Judge

## **EXHIBIT A**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court, for the District of Nevada on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, in the case of Coates v. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Case No. 2:14-cv-00007-APG-GWF. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all terms of this Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Protective Order to any person entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order. Further, I solemnly promise that I will not offer to sell, advertise or publicize that I have obtained any Protected Material subject to this Protective Order.

At the conclusion of this matter, I will return all Protected Material which came into my possession to counsel for the party from whom I received the Protected Material, or I will destroy those materials. I understand that any Confidential Information contained within any summaries of Protected Material shall remain protected pursuant to the terms of this Order.

17 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, for the  
18 District of Nevada for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Protective Order, even if such  
19 enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I certify under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

21 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

22 City and State where signed: \_\_\_\_\_

23 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

24 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

25 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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